

**MINUTES OF THE
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on June 25, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.. Present were Mark Manning, Don Peters, Bob Foley and Karen Rhodes. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator and Shari Johnson, Engineer were also present.

Andy explained that this meeting was held to discuss the Steamboat Springs Subdivision (Paulin and Birk Property).

Andy received an e-mail from Rachel who is with the Flathead County subdivision planning. Apparently on April 18, 2018 Marc Liechti (APEC Engineering) presented a request for the subdivision. APEC had stated that we denied them water and sewer. They also stated that they were wanting to drill 3 community wells and they would connect to Lakeside Sewer. This land has been annexed into the Somers District for many years.

Flathead County and Montana Dept of Environmental Quality are not in favor of community wells being so close to the superfund site.

It was stated that at a meeting in November, 2016, APEC Engineering was present and were told to bring a proposal to the Board.

In June, 2017, Marc Liechti, Bill Paulin and Tim Birk came to the meeting requesting a "will serve" letter from Somers. It was explained at the meeting that we will need an additional water tank to serve their subdivision as well to meet state fire flow requirements for the rest of the district.

They were not wanting to pay the Plant Investment Fees up-front and the Board offered a deal for them to pay the water plant investment fees and pay the sewer fees at a later date. They then stated that they would come back to the Board with a proposal. As of now we still did not receive their proposal and turns out they were able to skirt around our district and go straight to the county.

Bob asked if we needed to drill another well or build a water tank. It was explained that the water tank is the first priority based upon the need for storage (we have plenty of water at this time).

This subdivision is now in 4 phases with a total of 178 homes.

Discussion was held concerning the old water tank and how structurally sound it is.

The wells we currently have the pumping capacity of 275 gpm each.

Discussion was held concerning a variance on our rules which states subdivisions will pay the water and sewer plant investment fees.

Flathead County would like us to negotiate with the owners and engineer of Steamboat Springs.

Mark moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED that to appoint Andy, Shari, Ruth and Karen be our representatives with intent to formalize a timeline to build the new tank and negotiation with Steamboat Springs Landing.

All Aye.

This subdivision is scheduled to be presented to the County Commissioners the second Wednesday of August.

Andy will contact Rachel and Marc Liechti tomorrow with what was decided at tonight's meeting.

An Executive Meeting was then called for by Ruth.

Rita was excused from the meeting and the special meeting was closed at 7:44 p.m..

The special meeting was brought to order at 7:55 p.m..

Being no further business.

Don moved. Bob second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Minutes approved at the July 11, 2018 meeting:_____

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

